

KANSAS VIOLENT DEATHS¹: 2015-2017 FACTS & FIGURES

¹A death resulting from the intentional use of physical force or power against oneself, another person or against a group or community that includes: suicide, homicide, legal intervention, unintentional firearm, and undetermined death.

BASIC FACTS

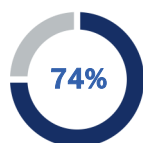
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violent deaths occurred in Kansas.



3 in 5 violent death victims (60%) **had a high school education or less.**

Total violent deaths by race/ethnicity:



White



Black or African American



Hispanic

Mortality rate:

Compared to Hispanics, **Blacks** were **82%** more likely to die by violent death and **Whites** were **23%** more likely.

OCCUPATION (ADULTS ≥16YRS)

Top 3 occupation groups by sex:

% of Female



30%

Unpaid²



Healthcare Practitioner/
technical

9%



8%

Admin Support/office

Rates for Females: Those in **Healthcare Support (7%)** had the mortality rate about twice the average of female workers (31.5 vs 14.3 per 100,000 persons).

% of Male



17%

Construction/
extraction



13%

Transportation/
material moving



10%

Unpaid²

Rates for Males: The average was 56.6 per 100,000 persons. Those with higher mortality rates were:

- **Farm/Forestry/Fishing** 174.3 per 100,000
- **Construction/extraction** 118. per 100,000
- **Transport/Material moving** 81.7 per 100,000

²Unpaid including housewife, homemaker, student, disabled, volunteer, patient, inmate, or without job
Note: Those in unpaid, military or with insufficient information were excluded from rate calculations



Veterans (Adults ≥18yrs)

- **made up 16%** of violent deaths
- About **3 veterans** died from violent death for **1 non-veteran violent death**



For every **1 Female** who died from a violent death, about **3 Males** died from a violent death.

THE COSTS



Violent deaths cost Kansas a total of

\$3.14 billion from 2015-17.

Combined medical and work loss cost during that time was an average of **\$2,000 per minute.**



The total violent deaths reflect **68,565 years** of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 75.



KSVDRS

KANSAS VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM

A program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

KSVDRS is an active and ongoing state based surveillance system that provides comprehensive information to fully characterize violent death incidents. It collects data from death certificate, law enforcement reports, and coroner report including toxicology results. Only Kansas residents were included for analysis. Suicide were restricted to people 10 years or older.

To learn more about KSVDRS, contact the Program Coordinator at 785-296-0351 or visit <http://www.kdheks.gov/idp/KsVDRS.htm>. Information on the National Violent Death Reporting System is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datasources/nvdrs/index.html>.